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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Specification*

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Paragraph [0031], Line 1, “66” should be --60--; Paragraph [0041], Line 66, “87” should be --91--.

Appropriate correction is required.

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

### *Claim Objections*

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 9-12 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1, Line 37, “a power piston” should be --an actuation piston--, Line 41, “second cylindrical body” should be --actuation piston--, Line 49, “power” should be --actuation--, Line 51, “power” should be --actuation--, Line 68, “second cylindrical member” should be --actuation piston--, Line 70, “termination” should be --terminate--, Line 73, “second” should be deleted, Lines 75-76, “second cylindrical member” should be --actuation piston--;

Claim 2, Line 5, “second cylindrical member” should be --actuation piston--;

Claim 5, Line 4, “power piston” should be -- actuation piston--;

Claim 9, Line 4, “first flange” should be --annular flange--;

Claim 10, Line 4, “first flange” should be --annular flange--;

Claim 11, Line 42, “valve” should be --valve spring--, Line 47-48, “termination” should be --terminate--, Line 49, “first return” should be --second return--, Line 50, “second” should be deleted;

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Claim 12, Line 7, "increases" should be --increase--.

Appropriate correction is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 4-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites, on line 35, "an annular projection on a second end" of the shuttle member. Claim 4 recites, on lines 2-3, "an annular rib located adjacent said second end", and claim 5 recites, on line 3, "an axial projection" on the second end. The second end of the shuttle member only includes the "annular rib" and "axial projection" both of which extend into the "third diameter section of the first cylindrical body", thus at least one of the recitations from claims 4 and 5 constitutes a double inclusion of a single element, however it is unclear which one. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected due to their dependence from claim 5.

Claim 8 recites "an annular spacer", which from the specification is element 91, however the description of the "spacer" more accurately fits the "second cylindrical body 64 (from the specification)". Further, the recited power piston should refer to the actuation piston 92.

Continuing into claim 9, the "second sleeve" appears to refer to element 89, which is located within the "second cylindrical body 64" not the "spacer" 91. The recitation of "said shoulder" lacks antecedent basis due to the recitations of "a shoulder" in claim 1 (in the first

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cylindrical member) and in claim 8. Lastly, the second end of the "second sleeve" is located in the "actuation chamber" which is not within the "spacer".

Claim 10 recites the limitation "said space" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-3 and 11-15 are allowed.

Claims 4-10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

#### ***Prior Art***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. 2472695, 2980066, 3978667, 4986613, and 6732518 each disclose hydraulic brake boosters having a control valve and power piston in respective first and second bores of a housing.

#### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Leslie whose telephone number is (571) 272-4819. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am - 4:30pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on (571) 272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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